

Remarks

Claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are pending in the present application and are rejected.

Rejections

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 12-16, 19, 21-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-9 and 11-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,773,763.

A Terminal Disclaimer regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,773,763 is filed herewith. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-8, 12-16, 19, 21-26 are now allowable.

Claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10 and 12-13 of U.S. patent No. 6,592,935.

A Terminal Disclaimer regarding U.S. Patent No. 6,592,935 is filed herewith. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are now allowable.

Claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 47, 51-56, 58 and 61-67 of U.S. Patent No. 7,097,885.

A Terminal Disclaimer regarding U.S. Patent No. 7,097,885 is filed herewith. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are now allowable.

Claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/064,583.

A Terminal Disclaimer regarding U.S. Patent Application No. 10/064,583 is filed herewith. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are now allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to each of the Examiner's rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If a telephone or video conference would help expedite allowance or resolve any additional questions, such a conference is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

The Examiner is authorized to charge \$520.00 for filing four Terminal Disclaimers, any additional fees or credit any overpayment as a result of the filing of this paper to Ford Global Technologies, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 06-1510 as authorized by the original transmittal letter in this case. If a telephone or video conference would help expedite allowance or resolve any additional questions, such a conference is invited at the Examiner's convenience.

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